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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
Atty. Docket: 2537 (203-2755)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Finch et al. Examiner: Aaron Roane  
Serial No. : 09/739,428 Group Art Unit: 3739  
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For : **APPARATUS FOR THERMAL TREATMENT OF AN  
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Figures** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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